

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicants : Michael Graham Gore et al.  
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**Prior Application:**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) of International Patent Application No. PCT/GB99/03048 filed September 14, 1999, now pending, which application claims the benefit of United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9819998.7 filed September 14, 1998 and United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9909578.8 filed April 26, 1999; which applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--